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RUDI'S ODDS ON FOR JOB

— By Andrew Dettre —

As we exclusively reported last week, West German coach Rudi Gutendorf is coming to Australia to be named as our next national team coach.

He will arrive on Friday and the same afternoon will meet a specially convened ASF executive committee meeting in Sydney.

According to well informed sources, Gutendorf's appointment is "99 per cent certain".

Rale Rasic was never seriously considered by the ASF meeting of last week and seems to be out of the running — another of our accurate predictions.

If Gutendorf does get the job, he is likely to begin as national coach early September, after having tidied up his personal and business affairs in West Germany.

Gutendorf, who coached SV Hamburg last year, is one of the best credentialled German coaches and is certain to be a much more forceful figure on the local scene than were the last few of his predecessors.

With a suave manner, impressive command of English and a vast knowledge of modern soccer, he is certain to gain quick acceptance in soccer circles.

The ASF has deferred its decision about the coaching post for the under-19 national team — somewhat strange in view of the fact that they will have to play in New Zealand in November.

But it wouldn't come as a surprise if Gutendorf were to be asked to start his Australian career with this assignment.

Otherwise the job may be advertised to give all Australian coaches an equal chance.

No final decisions were made on the touring teams for 1979.

The ASF can choose between the 1977 Argentinian champions Independiente and another Buenos Aires club, Huracan, or a Polish team, Wisla.

Although the Argentinians would come with several of their world champions at the end of January, the ASF may opt for Wisla, a much more modest attraction though asking for a smaller match fee.

Cosmos, Ipswich and West Bromwich are other possibilities for mid-season tours.

The reported "package deal" offer from the London-based West & Nally PR company is far from having been accepted.

W&N, who ran the TV and advertising promotion for the 1978 World Cup, would be interested in becoming the promotional and commercial godfathers of ASF, guaranteeing about \$250,000 profit a year.

However, some ASF executive members feel that even without such an arrangement, a sizeable sponsorship could be obtained for the next World Cup campaign — about \$500,000 for four years.

PLAYERS UNION

One of the most far-reaching developments in Australian soccer occurred recently, but didn't receive a mention in the daily press: The Australian Soccer Players Association was officially born.

The ramifications of this event are very wide. Founder Les Ivory has made it clear that ASPA will seek reforms in a number of areas.

"There will have to be some correlation between club management and association where a member player is involved, particularly as far as contracts are concerned," says Ivory.

"The aim of the association is to better the lot of the player, and the means of achieving this will be decided by the members."

"We have a representative at most federation clubs and both the PSL clubs in Adelaide. Stationery is being printed and we hope to have membership application forms ready within a week."

"The clubs will be obviously following the progress of ASPA closely. There's been a few conflicts in the past and a few deadlocks too."

"Whether the Australian Soccer Players Association solves them or not remains to be seen."

— DAVE JENKINS

Let's hope the new association will set out to protect the interests of Australian Soccer, not just the players.

It's unfortunate that they selected the same initials — ASPA — as the Australian Soccer Press Association, as this is certain to lead to confusion. — Editor.



Dixie Deans gives a demonstration of his awesome finishing power. Adelaide City, due to his last minute goal, beat Western Suburbs 3-2 in Sydney.

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BIG FOUR IN VITAL SYDNEY RENDEZVOUS

All roads lead to Sydney — at least as far as the next chapter is concerned in the intensifying PSL championship drama.

West Adelaide, after beating Marconi, have taken a giant step towards winning the 1978 PSL title — undoubtedly the greatest soccer coup in the city's history.

They now lead by three points from South Melbourne with Marconi pushed to their lowest position of the year, fourth.

But the race is far from over;

the coming weekend could once again repaint the entire picture.

Hakoah will meet West Adelaide in Sydney while Marconi will face Canberra at Bossley Park — and wins by the two Sydneysiders could re-open the title argument.

To make the situation even more precarious, South Melbourne also come to Sydney,

tackling Western Suburbs.

Should all three Sydney teams win, the congestion at the top of the table would be immense and the race, with three rounds to go, promising to be a photo finish.

More than ever, the key to the riddle seems to be deposited in Hakoah's hands.

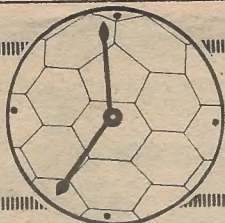
If they win on Sunday, they could still overhaul West

Adelaide; if they lose, the title seems certain to travel to the city of churches.

So it's the 1977 champion against the 1978 champion-elect on Sunday.

And if the biased Sydney fans don't turn up in their thousands, they deserve to watch ladies' lawn bowls next season, not PSL top soccer.

3 TO 7



— Conducted by Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna —

Hurstville Zagreb (4th Div.) had a very valuable two points with a win over second placed Campbelltown City. Hurstville had the better half of the game, scoring two goals, one being a direct "banana kick" from the corner spot by Drago Dokonil and the other by Tom Poljak. Tom, despite his goal, was a very sad man on the day as he managed to miss a penalty and had his car stolen from outside a hotel while celebrating his team's win. In the 2-1 win for Hurstville there were three disallowed goals for Campbelltown.

★★★★★

Bondi Marines (3rd Div.) are planning a treat for most of their players: a one week cruise to Noumea in early December. The club is organising some fund-raising activities to cover at least 50% of the cost and the players will make up the rest.

★★★★★

Baulkham Hills, the leaders of the 4th Division have lost their undefeated record. The humble North Bankstown gave a convincing performance to beat them. In this game Hills left striker Tommy Grone suffered a broken wrist and the "classy" goal scorer, Jimmy Geppert, was also put out with an injured back. Unfortunately for North Bankstown, their midfielder Brian Smith will be out for the rest of the season with an injured leg.

★★★★★

South Sydney Districts (7th Div.) reserve grade earned their third point of the season last weekend with a draw with Southern Districts. Goal scorer Joe Campos was toasted as the "man of the match". South Sydney's president/player Nigel Blych's broken toes of several weeks ago have knitted so well he looks like consolidating his position in the first grade's midfield.

★★★★★

Pagewood Club (6th Div.) congratulate four of their junior players on their selection in the NSW State teams. Thanks goes to Manuel Scibberas, coach of the under 12s. Three of his players, Alan Gilbert, Harry Ree and Bogan Milojkovic, were selected from the Southern and Eastern rep team, plus Steven Boehr from the under 15s. Pagewood's senior coach Paul Taliana feels his team has improved, gaining confidence from talented ex-Prague defender Sasha Perri.

★★★★★

Players and supporters of Fairfield West (6th Div.) were surprised when the club star bowler and fullback, Billy English, did not turn up for the regular tenpin bowling tournament at Fairfield. Bill was forgiven when team members heard the reason for his absence. Round about the same time when he would normally be collecting first prize, Bill's wife Sue was giving birth to a bouncing baby boy. According to Bill, he still collected first prize!

★★★★★

Liverpool United (7th Div.) have suffered a sad loss with the death of their talented first grade defender, Roy Nixon, who was involved in a fatal car accident last week. Coming from North Ireland and in his second season with the club, Roy was a staunch clubman, soccer being his one and only outside interest. Roy leaves a wife and two young children.

★★★★★

Revesby Rovers (5th Div.) kept their chances of making the top four alive by convincingly defeating Kingsford 5-1. In this game Revesby played with five reserve graders under the first ever captaincy of Chris Thomas, who played as sweeper. Another proud reserve grade player who excelled in this game was George de Cean who scored two goals in his first appearance in first grade.

★★★★★

West St. George (6th Div.) will be without their reserve grade defender Bobby Darwin. Bob fractured his arm during last weekend's match and will be out for quite a few weeks.

CLUB PATROL

The improbable has happened: two players at Melita, VERNON DARVILL and COLIN MCAUSLAND became fathers last week on the same day when their wives, both in the Crown Street Women's hospital, gave birth to babies. Vernon is now the proud father of a baby boy, whilst Colin's child was a healthy girl. No future midfield pair, but who knows, perhaps we will have mixed football by the time these two grow up...

There has been a reshuffle in the Auburn club, with a new first team coach being appointed. VIC DALGLEISH, who was in charge of the second grade, is the new first team boss, taking the place of JOE MARTIN. Vic also looks after the Auburn third grade team, and is in charge of the NSW U/14 side. Quite a hefty training schedule he has had placed on his shoulders...

JOE FARRUGIA, golden boy of Melita, has returned home to Malta to visit a seriously ill relative. Melita officials are unsure as to how long Joe will be away but hope it is no more than a couple of weeks, as he is needed in Melita's push for the semis.

Auburn were without their talented young star BRUNO VIDJAC last week. Bruno damaged his knee in the mid-week match against Croatia, and so rested up on the weekend. He should be back in action for this week's match.

Melita, already hard hit by injuries, have suffered another blow in the loss of BOBBY SMITH. It is certain that they have lost him for good. Bobby was offered the managership of a country branch of the Sydney firm for which he works, and quite naturally snapped up the offer. Now he will be living and working in Albury, so Melita will have lost another able player.

ROGER WILLIAMS, young brother of Bankstown's sensational performer, Neil Williams, is a name to write in your cap. The youngster last week scored his 70th goal this year for



Yugal in their new playing strip. Top, from left to right: Jack Trkulja, Andrew Mandrides, Tom Mihailovic, Sefi Radovac, Peter Cuk, Charlie Prgomelja, Mile Novakovic. Bottom: Bob Stamenkovic, Ron Delaney, Stan Tanoski, Pat Rodas, Niti Nitya. (Photo taken by Frank Hmat of "Nova Doba".)

Fernhill in the Illawarra under-10 competition. He is self-taught, and when he is not practising or studying, his coaching book is right under his pillow!

The Australian WOMEN Soccer national championships will be held in Newcastle on August 25-30. Teams from five mainland States and the Northern Territory are expected to compete.

Bad news for the Saints: RUDI GNAVI will have to have a cartilage operation shortly as his injured knee will not respond to any other treatment.

Don't be surprised if JOE SENKALSKI changes his mind about joining Newcastle United and goes to St George instead, perhaps this week.

PERCY FREER, one of the unassuming and dedicated men behind the rise of amateur football in NSW, passed away last Saturday. He was in his 12th year of service as NSWASF registrar, and had also been a Sydney branch delegate since 1964. Before that he had been treasurer of Sutherland Shire As-

sociation. His funeral took place last Tuesday at Woronora Crematorium. Frank Broughton has been appointed acting registrar of both the NSW and Sydney Amateurs. His address is 1481 Canterbury Road, Punchbowl 2196, and telephone number 709-7347.

There has been a change of coaching staff at Bankstown, with ALEC KEMP resigning as first team coach last week. The new coach is ROGER BAMFORTH, who coached Bankstown last year, while his assistant coach is JERRY LESTRUN.

What better way to make your debut for a new club than to score in the team's second victory of the season? BILL ANGELOPOULOS, recently transferred from Marrickville Olympic, did just that for Bankstown last week in their 2-0 victory over Manly.

WILLIE HAMILTON, after serving his one week suspension for four yellow cards, should return to the Auburn line up this week.

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MATT GUILDEA, the former Western Suburbs defender, is still enjoying the game. He now plays for Central Coast in the Northern NSW First Division.

Hovering-on-the-brink-department: Western Suburbs' goalpoacher Clive Eaton stood on 11 penalty points last week, 12 is the magic number.

Maybe it does not pay to be fit! Eastern Suburbs Hakoah had a fully fit squad last week for the run down to Melbourne, but, surprise, surprise, they tumbled to a 3-0 defeat.

Sydney Olympic's striker Don Allan was due into hospital on Tuesday to have a job done on his broken nose. The break occurred in the Cup game against Easts-Hakoah.

The penalty power of Maconi's Roberto Vieri is prodigious. Six of his 10 goals this season have come from the spot. None of them was more professionally executed than the one he guided in centimetres inside the post against South Melbourne's Jack Reilly in Marconi's last home game.

Western Suburbs defender Bobby Noble, not long out of traction following recurrence of a deep-seated back injury, received welcome news from his doctor late last week. Bobby was allowed to do some light jogging, although he says he paid for it in pain the following day.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Cumbrians are nearly there

Confident Cumberland should play relaxed football against Enfield-Victoria at Rushworth Reserve on Saturday because they only need one point from their three remaining games to clinch their first championship title.

Cumberland, with Victoria, Lion and Croatia as their final three opponents, do not have an armchair ride home, but their form in downing Elizabeth City last week suggests that they could easily amass six further points.

Victoria's bid for higher honors floundered last week when they were held to a 1-1 draw by struggling Para Hills at The Paddock.

However, local knowledge at Blair Athol could lift Victoria, particularly if Bobby Turffs and big John Fyfe continue their spirited displays.

Azzurri, only a point out of the top four, could pose problems for Elizabeth City at Ramsay Park.

City slipped from second to fourth following their loss to Cumberland last Saturday and a further defeat could wreck their chances of contesting the Coca-Cola Cup.

USC Lion and Para Hills will engage in a survival struggle at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Hills (ninth) are only two points clear of tailenders Noarlunga United, while Lion have a breathing space of three points with Cumberland and Azzurri as their last opponents.

STATE UNDER-16 INITIAL TRAINING SQUAD

C. Villani (Ad. City), J. Panos (Ad. Uni.), J. Marsden (Beograd), D. Campbell (Birkalla), R. Jost (Eliz. City), B. Gale, P. Jackson, I. McKie, D. Mitchell, G. Sutton (all Enfield Vic.), B. Mikulic (Flinders Uni.), S. Moore (Modbury), V. Cooper (Noarlunga City), L. Andreotti, S. Gannon, C. Jardine, K. Levett, G. McKenzie, V. Wilton (all Para Hills), J. Kaye, M. Santoro, E. Typek (all Polonia), G. Ball, J. De Meo, D. Milne (all Salisbury).

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VIC MIGLIACCIO

VIC'S QUICKS

Australian international John Kosmina is back with his UK club Arsenal after a short appearance with Adelaide City as a guest player in his off-season period. John's father Alex Kosmina has received a letter from the young star and said that John toured West Germany with a 16-strong Arsenal squad as part of their pre-season preparation for the start of the season on August 19. Kosmina's contract with Arsenal runs until the end of the 1979 season.

A union for soccer players has been formed. Called "The Professional Soccer Players' Association (SA)". The new association has representatives of both SA Philips League clubs and at most Federation clubs. Enfield Victoria's player Les Avery is the man responsible in organising the association.

Program of events for the Adelaide Colts Soccer Association Cup finals to be played at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday, August 6: 9.30am U/14, Para Hills v Polonia; 10.40 am U/15, Enfield Victoria v Para Hills; 12.00 U/10, U/16, Enfield Victoria v Para Hills; 1.30pm U/10, Polonia v West Adelaide; 2.20pm U/11, Cumberland v Don Largs WM; 3.30pm U/12, ED Azzurri v West Adelaide; 4.30pm U/13, Cumberland v Enfield Victoria.

The Ingle Farm under-8 will play St. Elizabeth under-8 as the curtain-raiser to the Adelaide City v Brisbane Lion game at the Olympic Sports Field on Sunday. Kick-off 1pm.

Looking through our records, Polonia's 1-0 loss to Victoria on July 22 came as a bit of a shock, as the last time Victoria won a league match against Polonia was in 1971. In the following years, Polonia took both points on six occasions, while five matches resulted in draws. The overall record between the two clubs reads as follows: Played 60, Polonia won 31, Victoria 10 and draws 19. Peter "Porky" Kunowicz, Polonia's regular reserve goalkeeper made his first team debut last Saturday when he replaced injured Howie Jacques.

Campbelltown-Budapest, relegated to second division last year, is on the way back to the premier division again. After 15 games, Campbelltown have lost only one match and drawn one. Last Saturday night the club officially opened its new \$150,000 clubrooms situated at their home grounds, Newton Sports Field. During the evening player Geoff Booth was presented with his life membership badge.

Enfield Victoria's latest import, Michael Gill, from Bangor City (Wales), a striker, arrived in Adelaide last Friday.

Referee S. Mellings, who was in charge of the West Adelaide v Marconi match last Sunday, recently refereed in Djakarta a cup game between Korea and Indonesia before 6000 spectators.

The next meeting of the Soccer Coaches' Association (SA) will take place this Friday, August 4, at Room 301, 3rd Floor of ACAE Building, Kintore Avenue, at 8pm.

PHILIPS CUP BEOGRAD (S.A.) v ESSENDON 0-5

Goals: Culina (47, 52 and 63 mins.), Gilder (69m), Davidson (79m).
BEOGRAD-WOODVILLE: Flecknor, D. Jankovic, Sale, Harwood, Kleut, Wickstein, P. Jankovic, Bojczuk, Santrac, Maricic, Farkas.
ESSENDON-CROATIA: Banovic, Smart, Kokoska, Gardiner, Bilaver, Culina, Murphy, Kerr, Cumming, Gilder, Vojtek.

Essendon-Croatia's Branco Culina scored a hat-trick against Woodville Beograd in the second-round of last Wednesday's Philips Cup at Hindmarsh.

The visitors dominated from the start but did not score until the 47th minute (Culina), as the waterlogged surface didn't suit their fluid style of play, plus the Beograd defence applied the off-side trap well.

However, the Beograd defence crumbled in the second half as Essendon unleashed its powers to the long, direct passes and scored four more. Only great saves by goalie Joe Neubauer saved the Adelaide side or the score could have been much greater.

With the score at 3-0 Essendon replaced former Australian international Billy Vojtek with new signing from New Zealand Brian Davidson, also an international, who proved his reputation as a very skilful player.

In the quarterfinals Essendon will play Adelaide City on September 2. Although City should start favorites to beat the non-PSL club, they cannot afford to relax or they could find themselves struggling.

FIRST DIVISION:

CUMBERLAND (D. Leane 2, Walsh, Pankhurst) v ELIZABETH CITY (Greenhalgh) 4-1.

Cumberland: Parks, B. Leane, Harvey, Stuart, Ball, Evans, D. Leane, Dobney, Mahony (Pankhurst), Walsh, Reeves.

Elizabeth City: Brewin, Hines, Fraser, Preston, Henderson, Lees, McGregor, Strain, Greenhalgh, Boyd, Dobbin.

Reserves: 0-0. Juniors: 2-0.

BEOGRAD W/VILLE (Kamleitner, Tsentidis) v AZZURRI (Smythe) 2-1.

Beograd: Fleckner, Maricic, Sale, Harwood, Kleut, Wickstein, Jankovic, Bojczuk, Kamleitner, Santrac, Farkas (Tsentidis).

Azzurri: Dibiasi, Simone, Barone, Marusic, Affede, Alder, Serafini, Soderini, Russo, Manolev, Smythe.

Reserves: 2-1. Juniors: 0-0.

PARA HILLS (Archer) v ENFIELD VIC. (Schoenfeld) 1-1.

Para Hills: Ostendorf, Stoneham, Muldoon, Gardiner, Hilton, Humphreys, Bridle, Durrant, Toner, Archer, Bell, Duncan.

Enfield: Boenke, Higgins (Lang), Waxmann, Fyfe, Schoenfeld, Mitchell, Doyle, Avery, Georgines, Tufts, Hopper.

Reserves: 2-0. Juniors: 1-2.

NOARLUNGA (Foy 2) v CROATIA (Harrow, Rogusic) 2-2.

Noarlunga: Young, Ottaway, Cartwright, White, Martin, Caughey, Wetton, Moore, McArdle, Artis, Foy.

Croatia: Przybylske, Williams, Ivanov, Holland, Kotlar, Bendall, Pope, Harrow, Jordan, Thomson, Hayes.

Reserves: 1-2. Juniors: 0-0.

POLONIA v USC LIONS 2-3.

Reserves: 2-1. Juniors: 5-1.

SECOND DIVISION

Port Adelaide 4 v Windsor 0. Reserves: 0-1. Juniors: 9-0.

Birkalla Rovers 2 v South Adelaide 0. Reserves: 1-0. Juniors: 2-0.

Modbury v Salisbury Utd. 3. Reserves: 3-1. Juniors: 1-1.

Campbelltown B'pest. 4 v Orange Sturt 1. Reserves: 3-1. Juniors: 3-0.

West Field APAC 1 v Don Largs 2. Reserves: 1-0. Juniors: 8-1.

THIRD DIVISION

Brighton City 3 v Adelaide City 3 (Res. 1-3, Jun. 3-4). West Adelaide 2 v Adel. Uni. 1 (Res. 0-0, Jun. 2-1). Noarlunga City 1 v West Torrens 2 (Res. 3-1, Jun. 0-1). SAIT 2 v Flinders Uni. 3 (Res. 2-1, Jun. 6-2).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Sturt CAE 1 v SAIT 5, Orange Sturt 2 v Adel. Uni. Black 0, Flinders Uni. 2 v Adel. Uni. Blue 4, Torrens Blue 6 v Italian Students 0, Torrens Gold 3 v Adel. Uni. Red 1, Graduates 3 v Adel. Uni. White 2.

FIRST DIVISION

Seniors

Cumberland Utd. 9 5 1 27 13 23

Croatia 6 5 4 24 16 17

Enfield Victoria 6 5 4 22 17 17

Elizabeth City 5 7 3 17 16 17

ED Azzurri 7 2 6 21 17 16

Polonia Adelaide 5 3 7 16 12 13

USC Lion 4 5 6 16 26 13

Beograd Woodville 4 4 7 17 22 12

Para Hills 3 6 6 13 18 12

Noarlunga United 3 4 8 21 27 10

Reserves

Elizabeth City 7 7 1 30 12 21

Polonia Adelaide 9 3 3 24 12 21

Para Hills 6 3 4 18 12 19

Beograd Woodville 6 3 3 24 20 18

USC Lion 3 8 4 14 20 14

Noarlunga United 4 5 5 14 13 13

Cumberland Utd. 3 7 4 11 13 13

Croatia 3 7 5 15 21 13

Enfield Victoria 4 2 9 12 23 10

ED Azzurri 2 2 11 12 28 6

Juniors

Polonia Adelaide 13 1 1 47 13 27

ED Azzurri 8 5 2 25 9 21

Enfield Victoria 9 2 4 24 18 20

Para Hills 6 6 3 22 13 18

Beograd Woodville 6 3 6 34 30 15

Noarlunga United 4 4 6 12 16 12

USC Lion 4 2 9 11 25 10

Croatia 4 2 9 11 25 10

Elizabeth City 3 2 10 19 29 8

Cumberland Utd. 3 1 10 13 33 7

SECOND DIVISION

Seniors

Camp'town B'pest. 11 3 1 31 15 25

Port Adelaide 10 2 3 38 15 22

West Fields APAC 8 4 2 27 15 20

Birkalla Rovers 8 2 5 28 17 18

Windsor Athletic 5 4 6 17 17 14

Orange Sturt Utd. 5 4 5 15 23 14

Modbury 5 2 8 19 23 12

Don Largs United 5 — 10 17 26 10

Salisbury United 3 3 9 12 21 9

South Adelaide 1 2 12 4 38 4

Reserves

Camp'town B'pest. 14 — 1 41 10 28

Birkalla Rovers 7 7 1 26 10 21

West Fields APAC 9 3 3 19 13 21

Modbury 5 4 6 16 16 14

Port Adelaide 6 2 7 18 22 14

Orange Sturt Utd. 5 3 7 14 17 13

Windsor Athletic 6 1 8 16 22 13

South Adelaide 4 3 8 21 31 11

Don Largs United 2 4 9 11 21 8

Salisbury United 2 3 10 14 34 7

Juniors

West Fields APAC 12 — 3 58 12 24

Birkalla Rovers 11 1 3 46 19 23

Port Adelaide 10 2 3 39 10 22

Salisbury United 9 3 3 40 12 21

Camp'town B'pest. 9 2 4 44 14 20

Modbury 6 2 6 31 32 14

South Adelaide 5 1 9 18 35 11

Orange Sturt Utd. 2 1 12 11 43 5

Don Largs United 1 3 10 12 52 5

Windsor Athletic 1 1 13 9 79 3

THIRD DIVISION

Seniors

Adelaide City 9 3 — 39 17 21

Noarlunga City 7 3 — 27 13 17

West Adelaide 8 — 3 39 16 15

West Torrens 6 3 3 25 19 16

Adelaide Uni. 4 2 6 20 29 10

Flinders Uni. 2 3 7 13 31 7

SAIT 2 1 9 15 29 5

Brighton City 1 1 10 15 39 3

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Adelaide City 8 2 2 31 12 18

Noarlunga City 7 2 2 17 9 16

West Adelaide 6 2 3 15 9 14

West Torrens 6 1 5 19 14 13

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Adelaide Uni. 4 3 5 15 19 11

Brighton City 3 2 7 14 18 8

Flinders Uni. — 1 11 4 34 1

Juniors

Adelaide City 10 2 — 49 11 22

West Adelaide 10 1 — 43 5 21

SAIT 7 1 4 38 21 15

Adelaide Uni. 7 1 4 31 15 15

Noarlunga City 5 — 6 33 24 10

Brighton City 3 1 8 26 39 7

West Torrens 2 — 10 18 41 4

Flinders Uni. — 12 6 88 —

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Orange Sturt Utd. 13 1 1 49 5 27

Torrens Blue 13 — 2 69 7 26

Adelaide Uni. Black 11 2 2 44 21 24

SAIT 6 4 5 36 28 16

Italian Students 7 1 7 32 29 15

Adelaide Uni. White 6 2 7 33 33 14

Sturt CAE 4 5 6 25 33 13

Graduates 6 1 8 22 37 13

Adelaide Uni. Red 4 4 7 22 34 12

Torrens Gold 4 2 9 24 36 10

Adelaide Uni. Blue 2 4 9 16 44 8

Flinders Uni. 1 — 14 17 82 2

Smalltalk

One sees red upon hearing about blueprints; our soccer history has been littered with hastily compiled blueprints.

If only 10 per cent of them had been adopted, by now we would be yapping at the heels of Holland as a soccer power.

Of course, hardly anybody ever reads them.

Now we hear of a new "four-year plan-blueprint" soon to be ready and guaranteeing our rise from our humble status.

The trouble is all other blueprints prepared 20 years ago promised the same thing.

We agree with one suggestion currently circulating: The introduction of a quota on imported players.

Surely every country has the right to protect its products. If the Australian footwear industry can have a protective tariff, why not soccer?

In Europe, Belgium is the only country which doesn't bother about this — and look at their results.

Off the cuff, I'd say any PSL club should be able to — and should be compelled to — field six or seven local players without suffering any hardship.

In the American NASL the quota is a ridiculous two per team — that is, two Americans as a minimum.

Unless they up the ante sharply, our American friends will remain a haven for ancient, semi-retired imports stifling the development of local players.

At the same time, it's easy to go overboard with this protection business.

Take England. There the Professional Footballers' Association (union) was about to take militant action against Tottenham importing two Argentinian world champions, Ardiles and Villa as they "take away the livelihood" of British players.

What incredible hypocrisy. British players by their hundreds flock to Australia, Canada, USA, South Africa, New Zealand and, in summer time, to Finland and Norway.

The quiet, unrevolutionary changes in Sydney Olympic continue.

At the start of the season Johnny Thomson was the manager and Tommy Anderson the coach.

Now Joe Marston is both, with Thomson dealing only with promotional matters.

If Marston wants to stay for 1979, he will probably retain his post.

Otherwise we wouldn't be surprised to see either Raul Blanco or Les Scheinflua at the helm.

Fair is fair — or is it? Rale Rasic, who currently doesn't belong to our circle of admirers, frequently has public outbursts slamming one and all.

Far too often, he fails to make his point because of his poor command of English.

But for once, he was right when he complained about Vieri's suspension.

Vieri, in our view, did throw the ball deliberately at an opponent in the match against South Melbourne; his caution was well deserved.

For this he should have been given two penalty points, the sin coming under the classification of "ungentlemanly conduct".

However, the referee reported him for violent or dangerous play — which is worth four points.

With that Vieri reached the limit of 12 points — and automatic suspension.

Rasic's appeal was rejected; the referee's decision, even when it comes to report writing at which they are not always apt, is sacred.

Which, of course, is a helluva nonsense. Vieri's silly act was neither violent nor dangerous: The ball hit his opponent on the backside.

We don't always agree with Rale but in this case he was right and the authorities wrong.

It's as simple as all that.

One of the all-time greats of Australian soccer, John Warren will be featured shortly on Channel 7's "This Is Your Life".

The show was taped last week in the Sydney studio and traces Warren's career as a player, coach and manager.

We'll keep



PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



West. Suburbs

2 (0)

WESTS: Woodhouse 4, Campbell 2, Turnbull 4, Rowden 3, Wilson 4, Harding 3, Stone 5, O'Donnell 3, Scott 3, Eaton 3, Vernon 3.

Goals: 0-1 Perin pen. (40m), 0-2 Nyskohus (61m), 1-2 Scott (66m), 2-2 Harding pen. (86m), 2-3 Deans (92m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 1023 (double-header). **Caution:** O'Donnell.

Busy little Scot Dixie Deans was truly in the centre of action at this poorly attended Wentworth Park double-header. He won a penalty in the 40th minute when Peter Wilson was forced into handling to save a goal and John Perin completed the job with professional expertise. With a 2-1 lead on the board and the game in hand he gave away a penalty when he handled the ball as he attempted a clearance.

Then, two minutes into injury time, it was the same Deans who struck home the winning goal at 3-2 to emphasise City's superior skills. Actually, Wests were a bit unlucky at that stage. Peter Stone took over midfield with some glorious runs in the second half, and Wests responded with a gutsy display that almost earned them a point. City were unlucky to lose Frank Lister after only eight minutes. He had four

Adelaide City

3 (1)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, B. Nyskohus 4, Muir 4, Besir 3, Lister (Yung: 8m, 3), Perin 3, Muniz 4, Deans 4, Matic 3, J. Nyskohus 5, Northcote 3.

stitches inserted in his forehead after a clash of heads with Andy Scott. They got right on top with Agenor Muniz sending some splendid through balls at just the right height for easy control. Johnny Nyskohus was superb as he plied his trade along the left wing, scoring the second goal after leaving Wests defender Barry Campbell for dead.

Wests fought back with great determination, netting through Andy Scott and then Harding's penalty, and it looked as if a draw was certain. Extra inspiration is one name for the game and Deans provided it in the dying seconds when he hit the winner. Both goalkeepers pulled off some spectacular and effective saves. Greg Woodhouse is looking the goods, and Peter Marshall showed that he is one of the best in the PSL.

—KEITH GILMOUR

Easts Hakoah

2 (0)

HAKOAH: Clarke 4, Mullen 3, Thomson 3, O'Connor 4, Mowbray 3, Stevenson 3, Watson 4, Barnes 4, Campbell 4, Souness 4, Silva 4.

Goals: 1-0 Campbell (54m), 2-0 Souness (77m). **Referee:** T. Davis. **Crowd:** 1023 (double-header). **Caution:** Tokesi.

Brisbane City squandered three excellent first-half chances and ultimately Hakoah got the upper hand in what was a very pedestrian game. Ian Johnston started the Brisbane misses by slicing his shot over the bar in the 21st minute from right in front with only Henry Mowbray to beat, and he was at one end of the gaping goalmouth. Brusasco and Marley also missed, and just on half time Larry Gaffney had a more difficult one which all but came off.

Running wide on the right he switched his shot to the far end of the goal and just missed what would have been a picture goal with Todd Clarke out of the scene. Inevitably, Easts, as with their opponents suffering from a game the previous day, came back into the game, and Ernie Campbell scored from inside the goal area after

Brisbane City

0 (0)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Iozzelli 3, Kibbey 3, Tokesi 3, Perry 4, Gaffney 4, Brusasco 3, Lavelle 3, Marley (Coyne: 73m), Echeverria 3, Johnston 2.

Kim Wishart had lost the ball and the visiting defence was in a tizzy.

The 74th minute produced a remarkable reflex save from Clarke after Roberto Echeverria had seemed to be on a certain score, but within three minutes the game was well within Easts' keeping. Ian Souness was on hand to accept a squared ball from Campbell. Five metres outside the box he wasted no time by taking a first timer which had goal written on it all the way.

Steve O'Connor had a very effective game in the Easts' defence. Murray Barnes foraged all the time, and whilst Hilton Silva had a great first half, he did not receive sufficient support in the second. Best for Brisbane were Wishart, Gaffney and Steve Perry.

—LINCOLN WALTERS

St. George

3 (1)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 3, Utjesenovic 3, Harris 3, Grosse 5, Terry 4, R. O'Shea 3, Coates 4, J. O'Shea 4, Hensman 3, Morgan 3, O'Connor 3 (Kay: 72m).

Goals: 1-0 J. O'Shea (18m), 2-0 O'Connor (46m), 3-0 O'Connor (62m), 3-1 McGuinness (82m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 3700 (double header). **Caution:** Utjesenovic.

It's not every day that the struggling St. George have a chance to run up a big score. But here, against a listless, if not disinterested, Footscray they really missed their chance. When they ran to an untroubled 3-0 lead, they had Footscray on the ropes with Mike O'Hara's goal under a siege. But it was a siege without heavy armour: an amazing number of scoring chances were allowed casually to vanish without trace.

Morgan, Hensman and Utjesenovic could have all got their names on the scoring sheet but were guilty of culpable sloppiness metres from the goal. Despite all this, St. George gave further proof that they have fought their way out of their long and deep crisis and are sure to raise hell in their remaining four matches.

Footscray

1 (0)

FOOTSCRAY: O'Hara 2, Hazabent 3, Kazi 3, Kriaris 3 (Vasic: 46m), Kondarios 4, Rujevic 4, Palinkas (McGuinness: 32m, 3), Ilioski 3, Picaoone 2, Lujic 2, Ristovski 3.

Footscray, for all but the last 15 minutes or so, looked like a team on a go-slow strike. Every trace of urgency or even decent endeavour was missing from their play and one reputation after the other sank into the turf of Barton Park.

Kondarios, so often a threatening figure with his headers, stayed glued to his defensive position; Lujic and Ilioski labored in midfield without conviction. The once deadly striking trio has been reduced to three apathetic figures and the whole team gave the impression of impatiently waiting for the season's end. So is, undoubtedly, their coach Crkovic who has the task of rejuvenating his jaded team that begins to resemble a Yugal at its indolent worst.

—ANDREW DETTRE

Syd. Olympic

1 (0)

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, Palmer 2, Cross 2, Bell 3 (Karasyros: 49m), Wilson 3, McIntosh 4, Luckett 3, Jamieson 3, Laing 3, Botham 2 (Markland: 45m), Ainslie 3.

Goals: 0-1 Campbell (39m), 1-1 McIntosh (65m), 1-2 Buljevic (72m), 1-3 Cole (83m). **Referee:** A. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 3700 (double-header). **Caution:** Laing.

Fitzroy halted a depressing run of losses in fine fashion, reverting back to their old style football to destroy a weak-spirited Olympic which lacked any semblance of fighting qualities. Fitzroy kept the game simple; playing it around amongst the back four, feeding the midfield with crisp passes who, in turn, released the wingers and front runners with precise through balls that had Olympic reeling for most of the match.

Fitzroy really came to the fore in the second half when they allowed Cole to use his undoubted talents to the fullest. His goal, Fitzroy's third, was similar in build-up and execution to that of a true Kempes goal; the

Fitzroy

3 (1)

FITZROY: Marner 3, McMillan 3, Selemnidis 3, O'Reilly 4, Tansey 5, Bannon 4, Taylor 5, Campbell 3, Cole 5, Micevski 3, Buljevic 3.

powerful break away, the shuffling off of tackles, and the final, deadly shot that gave the 'keeper no chance.

Olympic failed to ever really get going. Ainslie was unobtrusive, while Laing had an unproductive match, and it was only McIntosh, pushing upfield, that created problems for Fitzroy. Buljevic did little apart from scoring a superb goal, but the Fitzroy midfield was supreme. Bannon and Taylor gave their front men a steady stream of balls, and it was no wonder that Fitzroy came out on top. It seems that Olympic without Pirie will revert back to their goal-shyness which, in the run home, could cost them more points.

—STEPHEN DETTRE

West Adelaide

2 (1)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Reynolds 4, Tymczyszyn 4, McGachey 5, Kambas 5, Jones 4, Boyle 5, Pillans 4, Norris 4, Bozanic 3, Pantelis 3 (Zervas: 46m, 3).

Goals: 0-1 Mariani (6m), 1-1 Norris (21m), 2-1 Pillans (55m). **Referee:** S. Mellings. **Crowd:** 12,671. **Cautions:** Degney, Reynolds, Kambas, Zervas.

One small step for two points — one giant leap towards the Philips League championship. West Adelaide were over the moon after this stout-hearted effort which heralded their 11th win in 13 matches since they last played — and lost to — Marconi on April 30. They fought back from two goals down to draw with Footscray and six times they recovered from being a goal in arrears to take maximum points from Fitzroy, Olympic, South Melbourne, Western Suburbs, Eastern Suburbs and, on Sunday, from Marconi. West's latest success was a triumph for aggressive, attacking football. And while Westad's brand of soccer is sometimes short on the skill factor, it is almost always intense, gutsy, competitive, highly wearing on its fans and, above all, entertaining.

Marconi supremo Rale Rasic, having done his homework, knew exactly what to expect as his talented team began by fighting fire with fire. The remarkable cut and thrust opening saw Marconi take the lead after six minutes as Mark Jankovics climaxed a determined left wing run with a telling cross which Bert Mariani met with a superb diving header. Westad answered with the best goal seen in Adelaide this season when Graham Norris powered a tremendous first-time volley into the net after collecting a perfect headed lay-off from big David Pillans. Westad notched the match-winning goal five minutes after

Marconi

1 (1)

MARCONI: Maher 4, Jones 4, Russell 4, Prskalo 4, Degney 4, Ielamo 4 (Selvage: 39m), Jankovics 4, Ollerton 3, Rooney 4, Mariani 3 (Berry: 82m), Sharne 4.

the interval when Peter Boyle spectacularly won the ball in mid-field and relayed it to Neil McGachey. The Westad captain's cross found Pillans, whose header was brilliantly saved by Alan Maher, but Pillans cleverly side-footed the rebound into the net.

Marconi attacked solidly for the remainder of the tension-charged game, but Westad goalkeeper Martyn Crook protected the hard-won lead with four fine reflex saves. Crook was the hero of the match with timely interceptions of high crosses and faultless distribution. Westad had Norris and Barry Reynolds back after suspension, but they were still without their injured pair, Graham Honeyman (bruised hip joint) and Ian McGregor (concussion), while Marconi were minus suspended mid-fielder Roberto Vieri. Referee Stuart Mellings maintained tight control of the potentially explosive match. He exerted his authority by rightly producing his yellow card on four occasions.

—ALLAN CRISP

Brisbane Lions

2 (2)

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 5, Potter 3, Bennett 3, Hermiston 5, Niven 4, Amos 4, Spearritt 4, Ontong 3, Neale 4, Fairbrother 4, Hughes 4.

Goals: 1-0 Fairbrother (16m), 2-0 Hermiston (17m), 2-1 Boden (90m). **Referee:** J. Woods. **Crowd:** 2100.

Lions came out knowing that victory had to be secured if any outside chance of the top four were to be maintained, and it was obvious from the word go that all-out attack was to be the order of the day. Play swung quickly from end to end and it was ace goalgetter Boden who brought the fabulous travelling support from Newcastle to their feet when he was foiled by Lownds, who bravely threw himself at the centre forward's feet. That was Boden's last sight of the ball as Hermiston and Bennett clamped down hard on him and even found time to surge forward in this superb philosophy of goal getting.

Steve Amos was having his best game ever in a Lions strip and completely overran the Newcastle midfield, aided and abetted by Spearritt in his usual calm, unruffled way. Young Tredennick was having a ball on the left wing, and after turning Bennett inside out he agonisingly watched his cross go all the way across goal without a taker. Lions threw themselves forward again and Amos took a short corner which

Newcastle

1 (0)

NEWCASTLE UTD: Dando 4, Willis 3, Summerscales 3, Drinkwater 3, Curran 5, Snedden 3, Amey 3, Mason 3, Endacott 2 (Galpin: 65m), Boden 2, Tredennick 4.

Ontong back headed into a melee of players. The ball came down off the bar to "the feeder" Fairbrother and Lions were one up.

A minute later they were two up with a strange goal that saw a Hughes freekick rocket goalwards, ricochet from a Newcastle defender on to Hermiston's head then soar high over Dando's head into the net. Then Col Curran began to show Brisbane people the form that made him an automatic choice for Australia. He was here, there and everywhere and within four minutes kicked a great Hughes header off the line then blasted a 25-metre shot into the side net with the Lions defence stunned by the ferocity of the strike.

Young Willis got in on the act just before the whistle and brought out the best in Lownds. The second half was a bit of an anti-climax, almost one-way traffic to the Newcastle goal being the trend.

—JIM BINNIE

Canberra City

4 (0)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 4, Hogg 4, Stark (Kawaleva: 23m, 4), Moulis 4, Milovanovic 4, Stoddart 4, Henderson 5, Davies 4, Guicic 4, Byrne 5, Heywood 5.

Goals: 1-0 Byrne (57m), 2-0 Henderson (69m), 3-0 Stoddart (83m), 4-0 Guicic (89m). **Referee:** D. Yelland. **Crowd:** 4200. **Cautions:** Stoddart, Lavelle. **Sent off:** Kelso (48m).

Brisbane City, desperately needing two points to help start their climb off the bottom, kicked and punched their way into deeper trouble. Canberra, playing with five teenagers, lost captain Roy Stark after only 18 minutes with concussion. There was little football in the first half as Brisbane concentrated on playing the man instead of the ball. Danny Moulis came in for considerable attention. While on the ground he was punched by Kelso, who later kicked him to the grass, to earn a red card.

In between the violence and resulting stoppages for injuries, Wishart kept his side in the game with a string of fine saves from Heywood, Kawaleva and Davies. At the other end Tilsed was trying to make the occasional cross look dangerous, to stay awake. The whole Canberra side

Brisbane City

0 (0)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 5, Rathmell 3, Perry 4, Tokesi 3, Lavelle 3 (Kibbey: 70m), Gaffney 3, Ratcliffe 3 (Echeverria: 65m), Coyne 3, Caldwell 3, Kelso 1, Marley 3.

was playing well. Young Steven Hogg, playing first fullback, and then stopper, was all skill and class. Henderson and Heywood played a pair of long inch-perfect cross-field balls for Milovanovic on the overlap. Byrne, with his turn and speed, was tearing holes in a defence that, except for Perry, lacked composure and control on the ground.

The goals, when they came, were first class. Heywood chipped a through ball for Byrne to send home from 20 metres. Henderson, playing his 50th game for his side, crashed a freekick around a wall, and wide of Wishart Davies beat three men to lay a pass back to Stoddart, and Guicic finished off a Byrne-Heywood move for number four. The 4200 paying spectators were vocal throughout the match, played in cold, gloomy weather. —CHRIS KUNZ

Sth. Melbourne

3 (1)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 4, Pye 3, Hatzemanouil 3, Baxter 2, Munro 4, Lutton 3, Wright 2, Rogers 2, Cummings 4, Evans 5, Christopolous 3.

Goals: 1-0 Evans (25m), 2-0 Hatzemanouil pen. (86m), 3-0 Thomson o.g. (89m). **Referee:** Don Campbell. **Crowd:** 4000. **Caution:** Mullen.

The turning point came at the 25 minute mark. A deflection off a defender put Ernie Campbell onside and 15 metres clear. He looked certain to score, but Reilly bravely threw himself at Campbell's feet, plucked the ball off his toes and cleared downfield. His clearance found Alun Evans, who neatly sidestepped a defender and coolly chipped over Clarke for his fourth goal in successive weeks.

Hakoah seemed unperturbed by this abrupt reverse and continued their methodical assault on South's goal, but found Reilly in superb form. In the second half, and with the wind, South

Easts Hakoah

0 (0)

HAKOAH: Clarke 5, Mullen 4, Thomson 3, O'Connor 3, Mowbray 2, Stevenson 4, Watson 3, Barnes 3, Campbell 2 (Smith: 62m), Souness 2 (Trenter: 60m), Silva 4.

had much the better of the game, and it was Clarke's turn to give a superlative goalkeeping display. South hardly missed the 'flu-stricken George Campbell, with the brilliant Evans, Cummings and now Lutton besieging Hakoah's goal.

Clarke saved again from Lutton and Evans in quick succession and then Lutton beat him, only to hit the post. Hakoah's defence had to crack under the pressure and after Kevin Mullen had earned a yellow card for a do or die tackle on Cummings, Lutton, beating defender after defender, was tripped in the box for a certain penalty.

—LES SHORROCK

TOP SCORERS

Boden (Newcastle)	11
Eaton (West. Sub.)	11
Campbell (Fitzroy)	10
Cole (Fitzroy)	10
Vieri (Marconi)	10
Fisher (West. Sub.)	9
Guicic (Canberra)	9
O'Connor (St. George)	9
Byrne (Canberra)	9
Campbell (Hakoah)	8
Hughes (Br. Lions)	8
Jankovics (Marconi)	8
Ollerton (Marconi)	8
J. Nyskohus (Adel. City)	7
Silva (Hakoah)	7

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P			
1 (1) WEST ADELAIDE	22	14	3	5	36	24	31	31	11	8	—	3	21	13	16	11	6	3	2	15	11	15		
2 (3) SOUTH MELBOURNE ..	22	10	8	4	37	25	28	28	11	6	3	2	21	10	15	11	4	5	2	19	15	13		
3 (4) HAKOAH	22	11	5	6	39	23	27	29	11	6	2	3	19	8	14	11	5	3	3	20	15	13		
4 (2) MARCONI	22	11	5	6	43	28	27	29	11	7	2	2	28	14	16	11	4	3	4	15	14	11		
5 (5) FITZROY	22	8	7	7	35	34	23	23	11	5	3	3	18	13	13	11	3	4	4	17	21	10		
6 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	22	7	9	6	31	31	23	23	11	4	5	2	14	12	13	11	3	4	4	17	19	10		
7 (9) ADELAIDE CITY	22	8	5	9	33	32	21	21	11	5	2	4	18	12	12	11	3	3	5	15	19	9		
8 (7) WESTERN SUBURBS ..	22	7	6	9	37	42	20	22	11	4	4	3	21	18	12	11	3	2	6	16	24	8		
9 (10) CANBERRA	22	5	10	7	27	33	20	20	11	2	8	1	18	15	12	11	3	2	6	9	18	8		
10 (8) OLYMPIC	22	7	6	9	30	38	20	22	11	2	3	6	14	20	7	11	5	3	3	16	18	13		
11 (11) ST. GEORGE	22	8	3	11	32	34	19	21	11	5	1	5	17	16	11	11	3	2	6	13	15	8		
12 (12) NEWCASTLE	22	4	9	9	29	37	17	17	11	2	5	4	17	19	9	11	2	4	5	21	18	8		
13 (13) FOOTSCRAY	22	5	7	10	21	33	17	17	11	1	3	7	11	18	5	11	4	4	3	10	15	12		
14 (14) BRISBANE CITY	22	6	3	13	24	40	15	15	11	4	2	5	13	16	10	11	2	1	8	11	24	5		



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

HAKOAH'S LAST TITLE CHANCE

After facing up to one herculean task last week in beating Marconi, Westad, the champions elect, now must scale another peak in the form of reigning champions Hakoah.

Westad's victory against Marconi almost certainly sealed the fate of the Sydney team.

However, Hakoah may still be able to affect the outcome of the PSL race.

Last week it was the towering David Pillans who was the hero of Adelaide, playing the so-called "target man" role to perfection.

Apart from scoring the winner he set up the Westad equaliser, again proving that the Greek team is one of the best fighting outfits in the country; many times this year they have won matches after coming from behind.

Hakoah lost some of their chances of retaining their crown when they were demolished by South Melbourne last week, and even though they took out some revenge on Brisbane City, the title may have slipped from their grasp.

This clash, at Wentworth Park, will be full of importance, for both sides need two points to stay ahead of grasping rivals close on their heels.

Brisbane

Newcastle fans amazed all "the fans" at Perry Park. No wonder the southerners think us a bit strange; these people gave Perry Park an atmosphere it hasn't had in years. Wonder what they'd be like with a winning side. With support like that the winning combination can only be a matter of time.

Important meeting held last Monday evening to discuss the problems facing PSL soccer in Brisbane. Despite Lions' fair showing in the league this season, crowds are now at an all-time low and something will have to be done soon before the inevitable happens. The meeting was called by newly formed Brisbane Soccer Writers' Association and it was well attended by all concerned, including Bill Waddell, president of the QSF, John Marcus and Guido Canale from their respective clubs, and David Young, an American business man who is chairman of Lions' sponsors Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Queensland Soccer Federation's decision making policies are being vindicated. The five local teams accepted for the proposed State League are holding the top five positions in the local first division with a three-point spread covering them.

— J. BINNIE

— By Stephen Dettre —

A loss either way could prove disastrous.

There are no other clashes of the big guns this weekend, though there are several matches that should prove interesting and revealing.

The best of these should be the Marconi v Canberra clash at Bossley Park.

Canberra have been the real bogey team of Marconi in the Philips League the Sydney boys have yet to register a win against them in the three outings.

Canberra, enjoying a tremendous revival, unfortunately so late in the season, have now won their last four games, while Marconi have been in a deep slump that has seen them hand over the championship.

For this reason one would have to expect the City leads to do well and retain their record.

With Byrne once again firing in the forward line, and with Henderson back to his old best, City should cause a few problems for Marconi.

A draw here is our tip, though a surprise City win could occur.

The early match of the double header at Wentworth Park will be the clash between Western Suburbs and South Melbourne.

Souths have been running very hot and cold in the past few weeks, playing brilliantly against Brisbane City, and then poorly against Marconi.

Last week they upstaged Hakoah, and so moved into second spot on the table.

Their policy of buying seems to be working well, and with the addition of several talented Australian boys a powerful side has been built.

Duncan Cummings, Kalafatis, Christopoulos and Hatzimanol are all combining well with the overseas imports.

Westad are going through a bad period at present, and although they could have held Adelaide City last week, their form leaves much to be desired.

A comfortable victory here is my tip for South Melbourne.

Footscray, again in the doldrums after a severe hiding at the hands of St. George last



Fisher (Westad).

week, take on Olympic in a clash that has little relevance to the PSL table.

Both sides lost heavily last week after putting up weak showings.

Neither team had much cohesion which was strange, for Olympic who have been putting their game together and getting some fine results in recent weeks.

Footscray only really bothered Saints when the Sydney team relaxed towards the end, but for the greater part of the match their "pretty" football was totally ineffectual.

Both sides will need a new dose of enthusiasm and it would not surprise to see some major changes in the line ups.

A difficult match to predict, but Olympic may have the edge because of recent performances.

Fitzroy, back to their flying best, take on Newcastle this week and must surely go flat out for two points to try and get into the top four.

Last week Gary Cole was in superb form outpacing, out-thinking and out-shooting the Olympic defence for almost all of the second half in which he got a great goal.

In midfield Fitzroy looked very composed and were ably led by Taylor and Bannon, while in defence Jim Tansey was supreme.

Newcastle, desperate not to finish at the bottom of the table, need at least a point here to be assured of drawing away from Brisbane City.

They have the talent to defeat any team in the league, but lack experience and confidence, and

so drop too many valuable points.

Boden will once again be their main hope up front and the clash of two different styles of strikers in this game should be in itself interesting; the robust Cole and the elegant Boden.

Adelaide City, the team that most people thought would be the first from the Garden City to take the PSL title, must now face the 'unbearable' possibility that their arch rivals Westad could be champs.

Adelaide City have been nowhere near the powerful force they were last season.

Les Scheinflug must have been pleased with the victory over his old club Western Suburbs last week, and now has to again face up to a former club, this time Brisbane Lions.

Lions are still theoretically in with a semi-final chance, but football logic — if it still exists — excludes this possibility.

Again this match brings together some highly respected names in attack and defence.

Up front there are Dixie Dean's and John Nyskohous for City, while Lions have that goal poacher Alan Hughes.

Lions, with slightly more to



Grosse (St. George).



We just can't keep Hakoah's Murray Barnes out of the news — or pictures. The brilliant Soccerroo, shown here attempting a scissor's kick, is the kingpin of his team in their desperate title bid.

fight for in terms of table positions should be favoured, but City, smarting over the prominence of Westad could just raise their game.

A Lions win is my tip.

Brisbane City, almost certainly the new wooden spooners of the PSL, take on the revival team of Sydney, St. George, at Perry Park this week.

Saints now have taken seven points from their last four games, and have moved steadily away from the bottom of the table.

Part of the success could be attributed to Ralph Coates' steady influence, but one must not forget the powerful control which 'Uncle' Joe Vlasits also has over the side.

One outstanding personality in the team is Brendan Grösse, emerging as a centre back of immense talent and perception.

Up front Saints have been scoring goals with regularity, and the lack of the goal poacher has been off-set by the aggressiveness of O'Connor and Hensman.

City on the other hand suffered two heavy defeats over the weekend, conceding six goals along the way.

All semblance of cohesion has slowly whittled away over the past two months in a collapse of form that has been only rivalled by the decline of Marconi — last year's two Cup finalists.

A victory to the high spirited Saints is my tip.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Marconi v Canberra Marconi, 3pm
West. Sub. v Sth. Melbourne Wentworth, 1pm
ES Hakoah v West Adelaide Wentworth, 3pm
Footscray v Olympic Middle Pk., 3pm
Fitzroy v Newcastle Olympic Pk., 3pm
Adelaide City v Lions Olym. Sports, 2.30pm
Brisb. City v St. George Perry Pk., 3pm

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Canberra v Hakoah Bruce, 3pm
Newcastle v Footscray Int. Sp. Centre, 3pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

St. George v Marconi Barton, 3pm
Olympic v Brisb. City Wentworth, 3pm
Sth. Melb. v Adel. City Middle Pk., 3pm
West Adel. v West. Sub Hindmarsh, 2.30pm
Br. Lions v Fitzroy Perry Park, 3pm

Newcastle

One of Newcastle's success stories at Brisbane last weekend was the dogged display of former West Wallsend defender John Sneddon.

Sneddon has played his entire career in the "stopper" role but the consistency of experienced pairing Roy Drinkwater and Bill Summerscales has forced the likeable Sneddon to sit on the reserves bench most the season.

However, the departure of guest players Craig Johnston and Bob Mountford, coupled with the nagging injury to Lloyd Hordes, has forced coach Vest to utilise Sneddon as part of his midfield trio.

Though lacking in gifted ball skills, Sneddon makes up for this deficit with a total 90-minute effort and is willing to learn from coach Vest to take up a regular place in the team.

Naturally, he still prefers the central defensive area, where his powerful tackling and height can nullify opposing attacks.

Sneddon was the winner of the Qantas-Newcastle Sun Player of the Year award in 1977 and will take advantage of his prize at the end of the current season when he travels to the United Kingdom.

Coach Vest is currently running the rule over several players who could be seen in Newcastle's colours next season.

It is possible that some of the present squad may be "axed" from the lineup next year to make way for reinforcements to build up Newcastle's chances of playing a greater part in the ultimate championship in 1979.

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	P	0-0	2-1	1-2	3-0	20/8	6/8	1-2	1-3	2-0	0-0	5-0	3-0	1-0
Marconi	1-2	H	4-0	1-1	6-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	20/8	6/8	4-2
Fitzroy	1-1	4-1	I	3-0	0-3	1-4	1-1	27/8	0-0	1-0	4-1	3/1	0-1	6/8
Adel. City	0-1	4-0	20/8	L	4-2	1-0	1-2	0-1	6/8	3-2	1-1	0-1	3-1	1-1
West. Sub.	3-2	3-1	2-3	2-3	1	2-1	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	6/8	2-2	20/8	1-1
St. George	1-3	13/8	2-0	2-1	27/8	F	0-1	3-1	2-2	2-0	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-3
West Adel.	3-2	2-1	3-2	27/8	13/8	1-4	S	1-2	3-0	2-0	3-1	0-1	2-0	1-0
Footscray	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	*	20/8	2-2	0-2	6/8	1-2	0-1
Br. Lions	1-1	0-3	13/8	3-1	3-1	0-0	1-0	5-2	L	27/8	1-1	1-2	2-2	2-1
Br. City	0-3	0-3	1-1	2-1	0-0	6/8	0-1	3-0	0-1	E	3-4	3-2	1-0	20-8
South Melb.	3-0	0-3	1-1	13/8	2-1	5-2	20/8	4-0	2-1	0-1	A	1-1	0-0	3-0
Olympic	27/8	1-1	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-0	2-4	1-1	2-4	13/8	1-2	G	1-2	1-1
Canberra	13/8	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	4-0	27-8	1-3	U	2-2
Newcastle	1-4	27/8	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	0-1	13/8	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	3-0	E

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

Canberra

Will Marconi be Canberra's sixth victim in a row? The odds say no. Canberra play George Cross of Melbourne in a Wednesday night Philips Cup clash, and then face Marconi at Bossley Park on Sunday. While City have won their three previous mid-week games; Marconi (League), St. George and, this year, West Woden Juventus (Cup), they have crashed to defeat, in each case, the weekend after.

— CHRIS KUNZ

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4: DAVID NASH — 8.00pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5: JUNIOR VARIETY NIGHT — 8.00pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6: Disco — 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9: Disco — 7.30pm.

Book now for Hungarian Comedians KABOS LASZLO and CSALA SZUSZA, August 12 and 18. Booking fee \$5.00.

FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	15	—	3	42	8	30
Sutherland	11	2	4	26	12	24
Monaro	10	4	4	33	20	24
APIA	9	3	7	26	18	21
Melita	10	—	7	27	21	20
Mv. Olympic	8	3	7	22	19	19
Auburn	7	3	7	34	26	17
Avala	7	2	7	21	23	16
Toongabbie	5	6	7	19	21	16
Yugal	7	2	7	24	29	16
Manly	4	6	9	18	39	14
Granville	4	4	9	16	29	12
Arncliffe	2	4	12	10	33	8
Bankstown	2	3	12	13	33	7

DIV. 3, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bondi	14	3	2	56	26	31
Gladesville	11	4	3	32	20	26
Nepean	11	3	5	42	19	25
Bathurst	11	2	6	40	22	24
Dee Why	9	3	7	37	33	21
Port Hacking	8	4	5	39	19	20
Wentworth	8	4	5	21	16	20
Lethbridge	6	5	6	25	19	17
Lane Cove	6	4	8	19	19	16
Yagoona	2	3	14	23	47	7
Riverstone	1	5	12	9	75	7
West Ryde	1	2	15	16	44	4

DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham Hills	11	5	1	38	14	27
Campbelltown	8	7	3	33	22	23
Hurstville	9	4	4	42	34	22
Greenwich	9	4	4	29	21	22
Sydney Uni.	10	1	6	34	27	21
Ashcroft	7	6	4	28	23	20
Ryde	6	6	5	32	24	18
Nth Bankstown	6	5	7	25	28	17
Artarmon	6	4	7	31	35	16
Fairfield	3	4	11	17	28	10
Padstow	5	—	12	31	45	10
Holroyd	—	2	16	18	55	2

DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow	12	3	2	41	19	27
Baulkham Hills	11	4	2	45	15	26
Ashcroft	9	6	2	39	17	24
Campbelltown	10	3	5	34	26	23
Nth Bankstown	6	7	5	26	24	19
Artarmon	6	6	5	29	28	18
Ryde	6	4	7	28	33	16
Fairfield	6	3	9	31	28	15
Hurstville	5	2	10	23	37	12
Greenwich	4	3	10	21	44	11
Holroyd	4	2	12	20	50	10
Sydney Uni.	3	1	13	26	35	7

DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	12	2	2	44	18	26
Kingsford	9	5	3	39	24	23
Paddington	8	4	4	28	22	20
North Ryde	9	1	5	37	32	19
Chelsea	7	3	6	25	25	17
Revesby Rovers	7	6	2	37	26	16
Eastwood	5	6	6	25	29	16
Maroubra	6	2	8	24	28	14
North Rocks	2	6	7	31	31	10
Auburn Juniors	4	1	10	27	37	9
Haberfield	1	2	13	19	52	4

DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Paddington	11	—	4	33	18	22
Eastwood	10	1	5	34	24	21
Kingsford	8	4	5	34	22	20
Bonnyrigg	9	1	6	39	26	19
North Rocks	7	4	4	34	25	18
Auburn Juniors	6	4	5	31	35	16
North Ryde	6	4	5	31	35	16
Revesby Rovers	6	2	7	24	30	14
Haberfield	4	2	10	23	40	10
Maroubra	3	2	11	24	43	8
Chelsea	3	2	11	25	50	8

DIV. 6, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
East Creek	12	5	—	58	15	29
Concordia	12	3	3	37	23	27
West Holroyd	10	4	2	31	9	24
Pagewood	7	4	4	23	18	18
Fairfield West	7	3	5	38	31	17
W. St. George	4	7	5	39	39	15
Macquarie Uni.	5	3	8	30	35	13
Camden	5	3	8	27	38	13
Canley Heights	4	4	8	28	40	12
Prospect	2	8	8	23	37	12
Hawkesbury	3	3	9	19	23	9
Green Valley	3	2	12	27	62	8

DIV. 6, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairfield West	13	1	2	45	29	27
Prospect	12	2	4	41	29	26
East Creek	10	4	3	43	22	24
W. St. George	10	3	4	40	23	23
West Holroyd	8	3	6	28	21	19
Canley Heights	8	2	6	27	31	18
Macquarie Uni.	6	1	9	30	28	13
Concordia	5	3	9	19	30	13
Camden	5	1	11	24	37	11
Pagewood	4	2	9	20	40	10
Green Valley	4	—	12	25	46	8
Hawkesbury	1	4	10	18	33	6

DIV. 7, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maccabi	11	4	3	43	24	26
Edensor	11	3	1	44	18	25
Southern Dist.	10	3	3	51	29	23
Chullora	10	2	4	53	26	22
Moorebank	10	2	6	54	40	22
Bankstown Sp.	8	5	5	59	36	21
Liverpool	7	3	6	38	29	17
Lakemba	6	5	6	37	33	17
South Sydney	3	4	10	21	44	10
Greystanes	4	1	13	23	37	9
Emu Plains	3	—	13	17	59	6
Mt. Pritchard	2	—	14	20	54	4

DIV. 7, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moorebank	13	3	2	46	25	29
Maccabi	12	4	2	53	21	28
Chullora	11	3	2	59	28	25
Liverpool	8	4	4	49	19	20
Southern Dist.	7	4	4	44	27	18
Edensor	8	2	5	40	29	18
Bankstown Sp.	8	1	9	34	37	17
Greystanes	4	7	7	30	39	15
Lakemba	6	2	9	23	27	14
Mt. Pritchard	4	3	9	22	42	11
Emu Plains	—	4	12	9	47	4
South Sydney	—	3	13	8	67	3

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	14	3	2	44	14	31
Sutherland	12	1	4	54	13	25
Croatia	11	3	4	40	22	25
Granville	10	3	5	32	20	23
APIA	10	3	4	22	16	23
Arncliffe	9	4	4	38	13	22
Auburn	9	2	5	36	20	20
Melita	6	5	6	25	28	17
Mv. Olympic	6	4	5	22	25	16
Toongabbie	4	4	9	19	28	12
Yugal	4	1	13	16	40	9
Avala	4	—	13	21	39	8
Bankstown	2	1	14	12	54	5
Monaro	2	1	15	12	58	5

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	14	1	2	59	10	29
Sutherland	11	4	1	37	9	26
APIA	8	2	5	23	17	18
Arncliffe	7	4	4	23	18	17
Granville	7	3	5	20	16	17
Croatia	5	5	4	19	21	15
Bankstown	6	3	7	21	25	15
Melita	6	2	7	13	18	14
Avala	5	2	9	17	34	12
Toongabbie	4	3	8	19	27	11
Yugal	3	5	9	25	42	11
Auburn	4	2	8	11	18	10
Mv. Olympic	2	2	12	7	30	4

DIV. 2, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	14	3	1	50	15	31
Revesby	10	6	2	34	23	26
Blacktown	11	3	4	42	16	25
Polonia	6	7	4	31	21	19
Uni. of NSW	9	1	8	40	32	19
North Sydney	7	4	5	29	28	17
Belmore	5	7	6	24	23	17
Warringah	6	4	5	24	25	16
Queens Park	6	2	10	34	51	14
Gladesville	4	5	9	26	45	13
Guilford	3	2	12	27	43	8
Marrickville	1	4	13	20	58	6

DIV. 2, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni. of NSW	13	2	2	44	18	28
Ku-ring-gai	12	4	1	46	20	28
Belmore	11	4	3	37	18	26
Gladesville	9	3	6	40	23	21
Revesby	9	3	5	31	23	21
Blacktown	8	4	5	35	23	20
North Sydney	4	4	8	25	34	12
Marrickville	3	5	10	28	53	11
Guilford	2	5	8	20	30	9
Queens Park	3	2	12	17	49	8
Warringah	2	3	12	17	43	7

DIV. 2, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belmore	12	5	2	45	12	29
Blacktown	12	4	2	46	16	28
Warringah	12	4	2	40	18	28
Gladesville	13	2	3	44	11	28
Ku-ring-gai	11	1	5	33	17	23
Revesby	7	2	8	36	24	16
Polonia	7	2	8	34	26	16
Guilford	6	1	10	30	29	13
Uni. of NSW	4	3	10	20	46	11
Queens Park	3	3	10	20	33	9
North Sydney	4	1	11	12	36	9
Marrickville	—	1	17	9	69	1

DIV. 3, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	16	2	1	67	23	34
Bathurst	15	2	2	44	11	32
Bondi	11	3	5	38	22	25
Port Hacking	7	4	7	34	37	18
Lethbridge	6	6	7	23	26	18
Gladesville	6	4	7	24	24	16
Dee Why	6	3	10	37	39	15
Yagoona	4	7	8	28	38	15
Lane Cove	5	3	10	20	31	13
Riverstone	2	7	9	17	34	11
Wentworth	2	5	11	14	53	9

DIV. 3, GRADE 2

Nepean	13	4	2	57	13	30	Moorebank	10	2	6	54	40
Gladesville	13	1	4	59	23	27	Blacktown	8	5	5	59	36
De Why	9	6	4	35	25	24	Liverpool	7	3	6	38	29
Yagoona	8	7	4	43	27	23	Lakemba	6	5	6	37	33
Port Hacking	10	2	5	43	21	22	South Sydney	3	4	10	21	44
Bondi	10	2	7	34	32	22	Greystones	4	1	13	23	37
Lethbridge	7	2	8	30	24	16	Ernu Plains	3	—	13	17	59
Bathurst	5	4	10	24	48	14	Mt. Pritchard	2	—	14	20	54
Riverstone	5	3	10	24	59	13						
Lane Cove	3	5	10	22	38	11						
West Ryde	4	1	13	20	44	9						
Wentby	3	1	13	12	49	7						

STATE LEAGUE

BANKSTOWN — SUTHERLAND 0-2 (0-2)

Sutherland was all over Bankstown in the first half, scoring the two goals that won the match, and Bankstown improved remarkably in the second. Faster in all departments, the Shire should have been much further ahead. In the 22nd minute Hammer's corner was pushed out to Craig Hall's feet and he scored a perfect goal. Five minutes later Hesford overlapped with Trusty in pursuit. Trusty got his foot to the ball and lobbed over his own goalkeeper. Bankstown's second half recovery saw Neil Williams lay a great ball on but Billy Angelopoulos was

flatfooted, and later Dennis Daley headed over the bar.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, Thompson 3, Morrison 2, Lynch 3, Usher 2, Trusty 2, Rootsey 3, Williams 5, Peck 3, Daley 3, Tansley 2 (Angelopoulos: 55m).

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 4, Hesford 4 (Tasker: 76m), Wykes 3, Watkiss 4, Dal Forno 4, Schumann 3, C. Hall 4, Harrington 4, Beggs 3, Basterfield 2, Hammer 3 (P. Hall: 66m).

Goals: 0-1 C. Hall (22m), 0-2 C. Trusty o.g. (27m). **Referee:** G. King. **Crowd:** 253. — E. PERSEN

AUBURN — ARNCIFFE 2-2 (1-1)

Without the services of regulars Derek Sidey, Terry Bertram and Andy Tracey, Auburn found the going tough. To their credit they fought back grimly and the fulltime score was a fair result. Arnciff's Dave Baker was on the spot in the 9th minute to guide a pass from John Muscovits into the net. Auburn was then rewarded for an all-out attack when Bruce Tilt thundered one off the crossbar and in. Goals from Nelson Brizuela (56m) and Auburn's Kevin Dobson (83m) locked the score once more. Arnciff's Allan Bankhead worked tirelessly in an often bewildered defence, whilst tall Kevin

Dobson worked overtime to plug the gaps in Auburn's rearward.

AUBURN: Griffin 3, Cornett 3, McGlynn 3, Dobson 4, Fairclough 3, McDonald 3, G. Bielby 3, Vidaic 3, Stevenson 3 (Hamilton: 50m), Tilt 3, J. Bielby 3.

ARNCLIFFE: Kotzohamas 3, Butler 3, Walsh 3, Smart 3, Hall 3, Santa Rosa 3 (Gilmour: 87m), Baker 3, Bankhead 4, Muscovits 3, Blackburn 3, Brizuela 3.

Goals: 0-1 Baker (9m), 1-1 Tilt (31m), 1-2 Brizuela (56m), 2-2 Dobson (83m). **Referee:** D. Rennie. **Crowd:** 465. — D. WENDT

APIA — MONARO 0-1 (0-1)

The 25th minute goal from Allan Burke was sufficient to give Monaro a 1-0 win over APIA and enable them to retain second place. In the process they severely denied APIA's semi-final prospects. A pass from Tony Morsello found Burke right in front and he pushed the ball home. If APIA do fail to make the semi-finals they may look back to this game as the one where a brilliant goalkeeping display by Laurie Pelic and frustration cost them vital points. Pelic's saves included one in the last minute from a scorching shot by Terry Butler. He saved at all angles

and heights, particularly during the last 20 minutes, when APIA threw everything at them.

APIA: McGuire 3, Pullen 4, McMillan 4, Porter 3, McGinn 3, Lindsay 3, Butler 3, Doyle 3, Link 2 (Merrigan: 57m), Ruiz 1 (Jack: 46m, 2), Griffith 4.

MONARO: Pelic 6, O'Maye 4, De Paoli 4, Cumming 3, Santolin 4, Forward 3, Lawler 3, Burke 3, Giampoli 3, Valeri 4, T. Morsello 3.

Goal: 0-1 Burke (25m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 1473. — E. DE MESQUITA

GRANVILLE — CROATIA 1-0 (0-0)

Granville survived virtually 90 minutes of non-stop Croatian pressure to somehow come away with two points. The scene was set in the fifth minute when Marjan Kovacic nodded a header to Atti Abonyi, whose fierce 10-metre drive was palmed around the post by Barry Hoare. It was Hoare's day, and he went on to defy everything that Croatia threw at him. Countless times Abonyi lifted his arms in the air in disbelief as near certainties were saved. Granville's tactics of offside traps and reliance on breakaways paid off in the 65th minute. Lone striker Bruce Waldron

latched on to a long clearance and ran through to draw goalkeeper Steve Watson to score. Graeme Barker led a Granville defence in which all players were outstanding.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 6, Sands 4, Barron 4, Barker 4, Lackey 4, Bates 3, Thomas 4, Moorcroft 3 (Haydec: 46m), Harvey 3, Fraser 3, Waldron 3.

CROATIA: Watson 3, R. Russell 3, Cagalj 4, Mullen 3, Smith 4, J. Russell 3 (Coates: 75m), Coleman 3, Savor 3, Abonyi 4, Kovacic 3 (Sullivan: 60m), Leyden 3.

Goal: 1-0 Waldron (65m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 1518. — D. MURTON

MELITA — MV. OLYMPIC 0-2 (0-1)

Marrickville took the points with straightforward, uncompromising football, while Melita fiddled around and made little forward progress worth noting. They matched Melita until Ross Brown scored, and then spent the rest of their afternoon fighting (sometimes literally) a rearguard action. Petty fouls began from the first whistle and continued throughout. A few of them could be blamed on the Garside Park dustbowl that is called a soccer field. Melita were very slow to build up, giving Marrickville ample time to pack the defence. Thompson capped a strong game with a goal,

and Balafas worked like a beaver. Bob Smith was the only player to go forward for Melita.

MELITA: Bracklow 3, Ververis 2, Nikas 2, Yamine 2 (Economou: 46m), Huntley 3, Darvill 3, Parker 2, McAusland 3, McGovern 2 (Sciberras: 66m), Smith 3, Jones 3.

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 3, Kable 2, Sheldrick 3, Penman 3, Xipolitis 3, Thompson 4, Balafas 3, Bosganos 2, Nezeritis 2 (Hinds: 44m, 2), Katholas 3, Brown 3.

Goals: 0-1 Brown (24m), 0-2 Thompson (87m). **Referee:** R. Graham. **Crowd:** 906. — R. DEWICK

YUGAL — TOONGABBIE 1-0 (1-0)

Despite playing with 10 men for 80 minutes, Toongabbie were the better side although they did not win. After 10 minutes Laurie Parkhouse was sent off for serious foul play after a couple of warnings and a caution. Izatt twice, Bonwick and De Valle once, went very close for the Demons in the first half. Bonwick just missed the post and De Valle struck the underside of the crossbar. Just on half time Stan Tanaski passed to Ron Delaney, who pushed the ball in past Chris Cassettari, for what proved to be the winner. There were less second-half chances, but on one occasion in the

59th minute Peter Freeman produced the save of the match to deny Peter Cuk another Yugal goal.

YUGAL: Mandrides 3, Radovac 2, Trkulja 3, Prgomelja 3, Novakovic 3, Radicevic 2 (Rodas: 60m), Delaney 4, Stamenkovic 3, Cuk 2, Tanaski 4, Mihajlovic 3.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 3, Taylor 5, Gerlo 3, Oldham 4, Parkhouse 1 (sent off 10m), Hormazabal 5, De Valle 3, Borwick 3 (Sidley: 60m), Izatt 4, Ortega 4, Armytage 4.

Goal: 1-0 Delaney (44m). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 300. — C. GIOTAKIS

AVALA — MANLY 2-1 (0-1)

Avale maintained their successful run with this 2-1 win over Manly, largely thanks to two goals in three minutes from Eddie Patterson. Both sides scored one penalty, but Avale's greater experience showed at the important times. Bob Geoghegan and Bruce Doyle went close for Manly in the opening minutes only to be thwarted by Avale goalkeeper Peter Ahrens. Manly's goal came when Geoghegan scored from the spot after Steve Deller had handled. Avale played with more purpose in the second half, and in the 70th minute Patterson scored from the penalty spot

after Len Stocks handled. Three minutes later the little Irishman netted again.

AVALA: Ahrens 3, Doran 4, S. Deller 3, Barton 4, Gray 4, Kasumovich 3, Patterson 4 (Milovanovic: 84m), Magill 4, Beater 3, Kodor 3, Morrow 3.

MANLY: Cassettari 3, R. Graham 3 (Stuart: 80m), Gosling 3, Doyle 4, Stocks 4, Dick 3, Banks 3, Rozenendaal 3, Nawalu 3 (Geekie), Geoghegan 4, Beverley 3.

Goals: 0-1 Geoghegan pen. (40m), 1-1 Patterson pen. (70m), 2-1 Patterson (73m). **Referee:** A. McKenzie. **Crowd:** 544. — G. STREETER

CROATIA — AUBURN 4-0 (3-0)

Croatia's dominance was so marked that Auburn had their only real chance in the 80th minute. Bruce Tilt followed up a through ball but Croatia's goalkeeper Steve Watson was equal to the task. Croatia came with three goals in the opening 15 minutes. Bob Russell netted the first with a fine header after a sound move on the left after three minutes. Next came Marjan Kovacic two minutes later. His header bounced off the bar, on to goalkeeper Paul Griffin and into goal. Croatia were home and hosed when Wally Savor goalied after a fine solo run. They only had to take it relatively

easy from there, and the final goal was scored in the 60th minute by John Russell after Maurice Sullivan's corner.

CROATIA: Watson 4, R. Russell 4, Cagalj 4, Mullen 3, Smith 3, J. Russell 4, Leyden 4, Savor 4 (Coates: 75m), Abonyi 4, Kovacic 4, Sullivan 3.

AUBURN: Griffin 3, Cornett 3, McGlynn 3, Vidaic 3 (J. Bielby: 60m), Fairclough 3, McDonald 4, Sidey 3 (G. Bielby: 63m), Dobson 3, Stevenson 3, Tilt 3, Tracey 3.

Goals: 1-0 R. Russell (3m), 2-0 Kovacic (5m), 3-0 Savor (13m), 4-0 J. Russell (60m). **Referee:** R. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 1537. — D. MURTON

WATKISS v ABONYI AT SEYMOUR CLASSIC

Big John Watkiss, Sutherland's former international player-coach, expects the atmosphere at Seymour Shaw to play a big part in geeing up the Shire team for Sunday's big clash with Croatia.

"We have been promoting this game with all our resources and I am sure our side will respond to the challenge," he said this week.

Watkiss has no intention of adopting the defensive stance that won Granville two points against the leaders last week.

"Every one of our players is an attacker at the right time.

"Our aim is to open up when the occasion arises and give the crowd some thrills," he added.

With Craig Hall starting to do what he is capable of, the match should be one of the season's State League highlights.

At this stage Croatia, Monaro and Sutherland are close to semi-final certainties, with a big group eyeing off the fourth position.

GRANVILLE v AVALA

Both clubs have midweek games to contend with before they meet at Garside Park on Sunday.

Avale have picked up a point a game throughout the premiership, which gives them a better record than all but a few of the top-placed clubs.

They certainly look the part. It is asking a bit too much of Eddie Patterson to score another double, but in any case the team looks solid right through.

Granville proved last week in that magnificent win over Croatia that they can pick up some points, even though they are not looking too convincing in the scoring department.

SUTHERLAND v CROATIA

It is inevitable that Sutherland must try to contain Atti Abonyi if they hope to win.

On top of that they have to seriously get back into the goal business as only Craig Hall picked up a goal against Bankstown last week.

Croatia have their big midweek clash at International Sports Centre on Wednesday in the



John Watkiss

Philips Cup, and strangely enough Sutherland have to overcome Granville, conquerors of Croatia, in a deferred game at Garside Park on Wednesday.

Croatia must be the favourites, but this game promises to be one of the really top drawer encounters, worth going a long way to see.

MV OLYMPIC v BANKSTOWN
Bankstown are in the cellar alone and they have the job in front of them to get points from improved Marrickville.

SCHOOLS

Northern NSW schools soccer convenor Bill Turner this week delivered a broadside against the Sydney administration over the lack of promotion of matches.

"Sydney has not staged one night match this year," he said.

"They heat themselves. The only way things happen is when they are made to happen."

Newcastle have conducted their usual string of successful night games, with Macquarie Field, Speers Point, as the local spot.

"I have seen every headmaster in Newcastle. No one is against the night matches."

"The sport does not interfere with examinations and excursions," he added.

Newcastle also have thrown out the stupidity of not including players from private schools in their representative teams.

Three players from St Pious, Adamstown, have made the grade for the NNSW representative team, which will compete in the CBC Australian Schools championship to be held in Newcastle at the end of the month.

Turner said that it was time for Sydney to "wake up and bring in the private schools."

"Not to do so is playing into the hands of Rugby League," he said.

The North also has selected players from Inverell, Richmond River and Wyong.

An offer has been received from an Australia-wide company to donate \$5000 for an Australian Schools tournament if it can be organised on television.

If this could be accomplished Australian schools soccer would be right back on the track.

However, a ground would be required where the lighting met the channel's television requirements.

The absence of a few key players on the American tour has led to this year's Tasman Cup being finalised in the third term.

Usually it goes out in a blaze of glory at the end of August. — K.G.



Atti Abonyi

JUNIORS

This week we received a plea for under-12 youngsters to play in a full Inter-District competition only at weekends if their ability merits it.

Under-12 and 13 players turn out for their clubs on Saturday and then play on Sundays in the Inter-District competition.

In some associations they train two nights a week for the Inter-District team, and they are also playing on Friday afternoons for their schools.

It adds up to a bit much for players of this age. A little less of a good thing could help keep up the players' interest as he reaches further into the important teenage years.

BOYS TO THE USA

The Australian Schoolboy's team leaves Mascot at 12.30pm next Monday for the first ever American tour.

On Saturday, August 19, the Australians meet United States Youth in San Francisco.

The game at the same ground on Monday, August 21, is believed to involve the West German under-19 national team, who will also be touring at that stage.

Tour leader Bill Turner is confident that the side will perform very creditably.

The itinerary is: Thurs, August 10, v British Columbia Youth at Vancouver; Sat, August 13, v Washington State Youth at Seattle; Sat, Aug. 19, v United States Youth, San Francisco; Mon., Aug. 21, v West Germany Youth, San Francisco; Wed., Aug. 23, v California Youth, Los Angeles.

The Australian players are:

Tony Pezzano, Greg Woodhouse, Peter Katholas, Peter Raskopoulos, Paul Kay, Ian Hunter (NSW), Malcolm McClelland (Northern NSW), Danny Moulis, Mike Milanovic (ACT), George Christopoulos, Eddie Krncevic, Tom O'Halloran, Charles Yanks (Victoria), Paul Inance (South Australia), John Spanos, Arthur Sharp (Western Australia).

Unfortunately injury has prevented Victoria's Lou Sannipoli from making the trip.

Almost half the players have had some experience in the Phillips Soccer League.

Team manager Jack Dodd was co-manager of the Australian team against England in 1974, and coach Bob McLochlan has had experience in both National and State leagues.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

APIA has taken a different complexion.

APIA should win; they have talent galore, but even last week they were the superior side but did not come away with the points.

The combination of Johnny Doyle with talented Billy Griffiths is paying dividends, and it is from this direction that Arnciff will find a lot of trouble coming.

Allan Bankhead has been one of Arnciff's recent success stories, but the team will have to lift its game entirely to overcome APIA on this occasion.

MANLY v AUBURN

Auburn have taken the opportunity to blood the talented Bielby brothers with a view to next season's campaign, as their chances this year have drifted past the limits.

If injured players return in time to their line-up it will mean that Auburn should have the upper hand.

It is now Kevin Dobson rather than John McDonald and Willie Hamilton who is inspiring the Auburn side, and another big game is expected from him.

Manly are well clear of the relegation zone, but they need to increase their pressure on goal if they are to force an upset against an Auburn which is overdue for points.

DEFERRED GAMES

The pick-up after the big wet earlier in the season continues during the week.

On Wednesday Granville meet Sutherland at Garside Park at 9 pm, and at the Soccer Centre at 7.30 pm Bankstown is home to Auburn.

The Thursday night offering at Garside Park, Avale and Marrickville Olympic at 8.45 pm, provides two very competitive sides with the winner well hidden.

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ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3
 Avale v Mv. Olympic Garside Park, 8.45pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
SECOND DIVISION
 Queens Park v Gladesville Navy Sp. Ground
 Polonia v Guildford Chopin Park
 Uni. NSW v Warringah David Philips

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
FIRST DIVISION
 Granville v Avale Garside Park
 Sutherland v Croatia Seymour Shaw
 Mv. Olympic v Bankstown Arlinton
 Toongabbie v Melita Girraween
 Monaro v Yugal Marco Polo
 Arnciff v APIA Hurstville
 Manly v Auburn Cromer Park

SECOND DIVISION
 Revesby v Blacktown Milperra
 Ku-ring-gai v NS Inter Parklands
 Marrickville v Belmore Mackey Park

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
 Melita v Auburn Garside, 8.45pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
FIRST DIVISION
 Avale v Sutherland Mona Park
 Manly v Arnciff Scots Cromer Park

SECOND DIVISION
 NS Inter v Marrickville NS Oval
 Belmore v Queens Park Blick Oval

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
FIRST DIVISION
 Auburn v Granville Mona Park
 Croatia v Mv. Olympic Sportsground
 Bankstown v Toongabbie Soccer Centre
 Melita v Inter Monaro Garside Park
 Yugal v APIA Concord Oval

SECOND DIVISION
 Uni. NSW v Revesby David Philips
 Blacktown v Ku-ring-gai Francis Park
 Gladesville v Polonia Pioneer Park
 Guildford v Warringah Guildford Park
 Queens Park v NS Inter Navy sp Ground

WORLD NEWS



English moves

In spite of all interest in the World Cup there has been considerable activity in the English transfer market since the end of the past season. Here is a list of the moves up to the middle of June.

Stewart Barrowclough (Newcastle to Birmingham)
Les Barrett (Fulham to California Swifts)
Kenny Brown (Barnsley to Bournemouth)
Steve Chalk (Bournemouth to Charlton)
Martin Chivers (Servette (Switz.) to Norwich)
Allan Clarke (Leeds U. to Barnsley, player-manager)
John Connolly (Birmingham to Newcastle)
Steve Davey (Hereford to Portsmouth)
Mika Doyle (Man. City to Stoke)
Steve Finnieston (Chelsea to Sheff. Utd.)
Paul Fletcher (Luton to Man. City)
John Hamilton (Rangers to Millwall)
John Hawley (Hull C. to Leeds U.)
Terry Hibbitt (Birmingham to Newcastle)
David Hughes (Aston V. to Lincoln C.)

ARSENAL BOSSON LOOK-OUT

With the season fast approaching in Britain, clubs are putting the finishing touches to their preparations.

At Arsenal, manager Terry Neill is determined to sign a midfielder and a fullback — and has his eyes on Ipswich's Brian Talbot and Blackburn's John Bailey.

As these two would cost \$750,000, Neill is prepared to sell one of his own stars to raise the cash.

Relegated West Ham have some bad news but some good news, too.

Old-time servant Frank Lampard, 29, has asked for a transfer as he doesn't want to end his career in second division.

At the same time, season ticket

renewals have reached 94% — a sure indication that West Ham's supporters will stick by this great club.

Johnny Giles, now playing with Philadelphia Fury, plans a return to the British Isles — but to Ireland's Shamrock Rovers.

He has the option to buy some shares in the club so his managerial post would be a job for life — if there is such a thing in soccer.

Up in Scotland, Celtic were surprised and perhaps offended that small Motherwell made a bid of \$75,000 for their winger Paul Wilson.

Celtic's reply: no deal.

Former Hungarian international stopper Kalman Meszoly has become the new coach of leading Budapest club Vasas.

Karl Stolz, 43, is the new manager of Austria. Stolz played 42 times for Austria.

The Scottish FA has banned Lou Macari and Don Masson from its international teams. Macari was often bitterly critical of the FA during the Mundial, while Masson repeatedly announced his "lack of interest" in the Scottish side.

An international tournament will be held in Rotterdam on August 11-13 with Feyenoord, Benfica, Everton and River Plate.

An Italian Supreme Court ruling has quashed a magistrate's earlier decision which would have made transfers of players through agents illegal.

Eamon Gregg, from Bohemians in the League of Ireland, a talented fullback, is on the shopping list of Tottenham Hotspur.

Oakland Stompers in the US Pro League have sacked their manager Mirko Stojanovic for "inadequate results".

The new chief coach of the Los Angeles Aztecs is ex-Liverpool star Tommy Smith, 33.

Peter Osgood, the former England international now with Philadelphia Fury, has a guaranteed income of \$75,000 a year for three years. His team mates include ex-British stars Johnny Giles (who is also the Ireland manager) and Alan Ball.

The London weekly "Shoot" asked 100 journalists at the World Cup to name their team — and this is the result with the number of votes in brackets: Filloi (Argentina, 55), Sara (Austria, 31), Bellugi (Italy, 53), Krol (Holland, 76), Tarantini (Argentina, 79), Boniek (Poland, 38), Benetti (Italy, 33), Dirceu (Brazil, 68), Causio (Italy, 81), Rossi (Italy, 87), Kempes (Argentina, 100).

These are the fees paid in Europe now for friendlies: Hamburg will play in Madrid on August 29 — for \$32,000.

Steve Daley has asked Wolverhampton five times in June for a transfer — and received five refusals. Maybe they want to keep him?

FIAT of Argentina has presented a new "133" model to all 22 Argentinian world champion players, coach, trainer, doctor and physio man.

Three Tunisian stars, Tarak, Temine and Ben Aziza, as well as their coach Chetali, have received lucrative offers from a Kuwaiti club.

Ipswich Town have signed a 16-year-old goalie, Scott Endersby, from Kettering Town.

River Plate president Rafael Cabrera has announced that the club will not part with any of their five world champions: Filloi, Luque, Ortiz, Passarella and Alonso.

Schachner of Austria, the only second division player to appear in the World Cup Finals, and scorer of a classic goal against Spain, has received several offers from clubs — in Spain.

Hungarian stopper Kerek: "Of all the players I have faced before and during the World Cup, none struck me as half as devastatingly brilliant as Kevin Keegan of England."

Ally MacLeod is the worst paid national team chief in Europe, on \$500 a week. Probably also the worst.

New York Cosmos (now based across the river in New Jersey) have secured retired Dutch ace Johan Cruyff for some guest appearances — and are hopeful that with a little inducement, perhaps \$5 million, may sign him for two years.

Roberto Rivelino, 32, the Brazilian star who was supposed to join Cosmos, has signed for a Saudi Arabian club who have paid his club, Fluminense of Rio, a cool \$1.1 million.

Tony Woodcock, the Nottingham striker, is the Professional Footballers' Association's "Young Player of the Year".

Michel Hidaigo, manager of France, has decided to stay in office for a further two years at least.

Sergio Gonelli, the Italian referee of the World Cup final, has announced his retirement — a little too late, in the opinion of many.

Sepp Maier, West Germany's veteran goalie: "Our best World Cup team was the one in 1970 — when we came third. Then came the 1974 side and the 1966 team. Then a long pause — followed by our 1978 outfit."

Robert Pruzzo, 23, the brilliant Genoa striker seen in Sydney some three years ago with the Army team, has signed for AS Roma.

Manchester United (51,000), Liverpool (45,000) and Manchester City (42,000) drew the highest average crowds in England last season while the lowest was that of Leicester with 17,768, all in the first division. The lowest average of any of the 92 League clubs was that of Rochdale, with 1275 per match.

The Hungarian championship will kick off on Saturday, August 26 and the first round will finish on December 20.

Hungary will play three European Championship matches this year: Sept. 20 against Finland in Helsinki, Oct. 11 against USSR in Budapest and Oct. 28 against Greece in Athens. On Nov. 15 they will play a friendly international against West Germany in Frankfurt.

Pirkner, 32, Austria Wien's striker, has signed for the newly promoted Grazer AK while Willy Kreuz, their World Cup midfielder, 28, has returned from the Dutch Feyenoord and joined VOEST Linz.

Jose Alves, one of the best Portuguese players, has left the Spanish Salamanca and returned home — to join Benfica.

Cosmos of New York will play a friendly on August 30 against a World XI based on the "best" players in the recent World Cup. Of course, it's a big question how many of the nominated players will be able to make the trip?

PIRRI AGED SUDDENLY?



Pirri, Spain's star now bitter about his manager.

Pirri, who was largely ignored by manager Ladislao Kubala during Spain's World Cup campaign in Argentina, has just spent a fortnight in the holiday cottage of an old friend of his former team mate Paul Breitner.

"Kubala told me in Argentina that I was too old," Pirri complained.

"OK, I'm 33. But he knew that

before he had selected me for the trip.

"Or did I suddenly age over there? Who can ever understand coaches?"

Finland's new national team coach is a Czechoslovakian, Jiri Pesek. In the early 1970s Pesek was coach of Sparta Chicago and in 1977 he was with the Greek Panathinaikos.

The new manager of Hungary, successor to Lajos Barot, is his former assistant Ferenc Kovacs, former coach of Vasas.

Severe penalty for Andras Torocsik and Tibor Nyilasi, who were sent off against Argentina in the World Cup; neither can play for Hungary until July 31, 1979.

Sjoberg, Malmo's Swedish international striker who also had a spell in West Germany, has joined a club in Saudi Arabia.

Kusztudics, central striker of the Yugoslav Rijeka, has joined the Spanish Hercules.

Oblitas, the fast Peruvian left striker, 27, is likely to sign for the Belgian club FC Bruges.

So far four members of the world champions Argentina have packed their bags for Europe; Ardiles and Villa to England, Bertoni and Tarantini to Spain. Kempes, of course, has been playing with Spanish Valencia for some years.

Silvio Piola, possibly the greatest Italian player of all times, has just celebrated his 63rd birthday (July 19).

Tschik Cajkovski, who last year won the Greek title and Cup with AEK, has joined FC Zurich as coach.

Eusebio, now in his later 30s, is still a marketable commodity; he has just signed with New Jersey Americans for seven matches — at \$18,000.

Poland's celebrated goalie Jan Tomaszewski, has signed a one-year contract for the Belgian Beerschot.

Sweden's goalie Ronnie Hellstrom has opened a jeans factory in Kaiserslautern, West Germany.

The Dutch Association will ask Cruyff to play for Holland against Iceland in the European Championship match and say his farewell to the fans.

Inter Milan is negotiating for Brazilian stars Dirceu and Nelinho, offering about \$1m for each of them.

Some countries are fussy; The Swiss Federation has refused permission to its club La-Chaux-de-Fonds to engage the Yugoslav Katic as coach — because he has no qualifications.

Traffic in the "wrong" direction? The West German Werder Bremen has signed the Spanish Lasanta from Hercules Alicante.

Rumours persist that former US Secretary of State, Dr Henry Kissinger, will be the next chairman of the NASL (professional league).

Joe Royle, former England international and now Bristol City striker said recently that the "fine shooting" in the World Cup finals "had something to do with the climatic conditions in South America. Over there, the air is thinner and clearer than in Britain... Well, perhaps in La Paz; Buenos Aires is at sea level. Same as Bristol..."

Cesar Luis Menotti, manager of Argentina, has decided to stay at home and has signed a new four-year contract with AFA to prepare his team for their World Cup defence in 1982 in Spain.

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